

Dear Commerce Committee Clerk and Members,

I urge you to kill this bill. Localities should have an opportunity to protect their workers and the public health with proactive measures, which this bill would certainly preempt.

90% of food born illness can be traced back to sick food workers, according to the CDC. It is not because they do not wash their hands, it is because they cannot afford to take a day off of work. This bill would prevent localities from promoting productivity and protecting the public health with measures in Michigan that we see Philadelphia about to take (cited in link below).

As a former food service worker I often had to work through discomforts that I now know put the health of others at risk, since I could not afford to take a day off. I recently suffered through a norovirus I know was "served" to me by a local fast food franchise - plummeting my productivity for more than two working days and causing me to lose a days' wages from a current service position.

Municipalities should be allowed to put forth meaningful employment standards that can take hold and influence the state positively. That is how it is supposed to work. This bill does the opposite.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Million in Health Care Costs**